

RUSTY, URLEEN & WENDY JO

WHOA-OH

(They exit as VI observes SHAW and ARIEL.)

START

SHAW

I don't want you to see him again.

ARIEL

Ren? Why? Just because he hasn't lived in this town his whole life?

SHAW

Because he's a troublemaker. Everyone says he's belligerent. Clearly, he has no respect for authority...

ARIEL

Who's everyone? The Bridge Club?

SHAW

Ariel, what am I going to do with you?

ARIEL

Me? Daddy, lately all you do is look for the worst in people and, of course, you find it.

SHAW

My, my, where did that come from?

ARIEL

From you, Daddy! The world is evil and Ariel has to be locked away in the tower.

SHAW

That's a little melodramatic, don't you think?

ARIEL

No, I don't. Daddy, you make me feel like a prisoner. And I hate it! I just hate it!

(ARIEL exits; VI follows her.)

END

SHAW

Someone's got to put a foot down.

VI

I didn't say anything.

(She exits.)

Music 8: HEAVEN HELP ME

SHAW

I DON'T ENJOY BEING HER JAILER
I DON'T RELISH TELLING HER, "NO!"
BUT THEN I THINK -- WHAT IF I FAIL HER?
HOW CAN I JUST LET HER GO?